

# COMMITTEE REPORT

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## MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 620, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1       Page 2, strike line 42.
- 2       Page 3, strike lines 1 through 2.
- 3       Page 3, line 3, strike "(6)" and insert "(5)".
- 4       Page 3, line 5, strike "(7)" and insert "(6)".
- 5       Page 4, between lines 21 and 22, begin a new line block indented
- 6       and insert:
- 7               **"(15) Borrow funds from a financial institution or from the**
- 8               **state to provide working capital for the operation of the**
- 9               **association."**
- 10       Page 4, line 28, strike "fifty" and insert "**seventy five**".
- 11       Page 4, line 29, strike "(150%)" and insert "**(175%)**".
- 12       Page 4, line 30, after "carriers" insert "**and health maintenance**
- 13       **organizations"**.
- 14       Page 4, line 32, after "largest carriers" insert "**and health**
- 15       **maintenance organizations"**.
- 16       Page 4, line 32, after "the carriers" insert "**and health maintenance**
- 17       **organizations"**.
- 18       Page 5, line 19, delete "The total value of assessments to members
- 19       of the" and insert "**Beginning with the assessments made in fiscal**
- 20       **year 2000, the total of the annual assessments to all members of the**

1       association may not exceed the average of the total assessments for  
 2       the three (3) most immediate fiscal years. The association shall, on  
 3       a semi-annual basis, submit to the state budget agency claims for  
 4       payment of amounts that are necessary for performance of the  
 5       association's functions and that exceed the assessment limitation  
 6       contained in this subsection."

7       Page 5, delete lines 20 through 24.

8       Page 6, after line 24, begin a new paragraph and insert:

9       "(p) A member of the association may appeal to the  
 10       commissioner regarding the assessment made by the association to:

- 11       (1) defer the payment of the assessment for up to one (1) year;
- 12       (2) make assessment payments on a monthly or quarterly
- 13       basis for cause; or
- 14       (3) reduce or suspend an assessment if the payment would
- 15       cause the member's net worth or reserves to be less than
- 16       required by statute."

(Reference is to SB 620 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Finance.**

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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**Senator Miller, Chairperson**